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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

15 Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of Office Action dated: 03/13/2003, paper number 3 and note Examiner's rejections and comments made therein. Applicants come now to amend the application and provide comments in response to Examiner's Action. Applicants hereby request reconsideration and await favorable reply.

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Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 11, line 12 and page 15, line 18 the word 'taught' should be --taut--

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On page 17, lines 17 and 18, "reflected wave 125" and "dashed line 127" should be --reflected wave 127-- and --dashed line 125 -- .

IN THE CLAIMS

1) (Amended) A barrier and Mid-IR optical window for a free space
30 optical system comprising at least one frame member and at least one thin film, a first